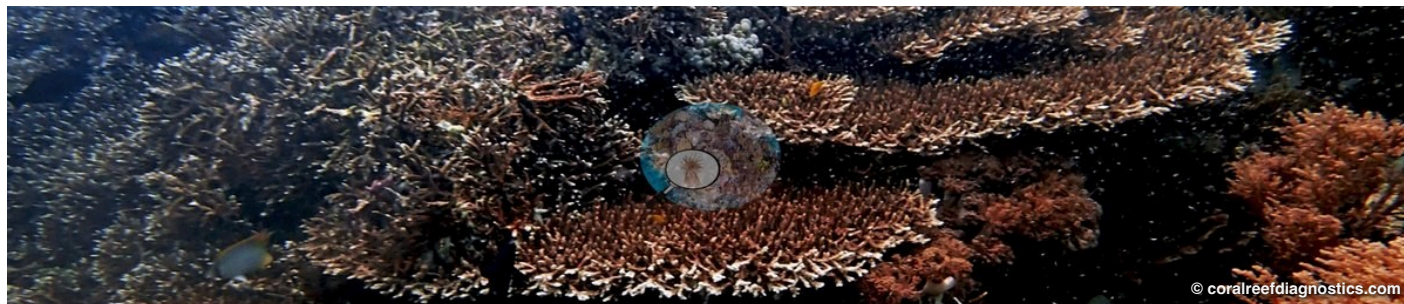


# Indonesia - Komodo NP: The Cauldron / Shotgun

Komodo · 2 visits, 2009-08-14 – 2019-01-21



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**What was done.** No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 62 photographs by the author, read without sight of any other method's result; other computer-vision methods are compared on the site page. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

**26%**

Claude computer vision (62 edited photos)

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD

**27.0°C**

**0.0°C-weeks**

16 Sep 2026 · -2.1°C vs the annual mean (29.1 °C)  
· NOAA No heat stress

HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)

**6.3°C-weeks**

NOAA annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

**23.5 m**

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

**25.6°C**

-2.9°C vs the 2009, 2019 mean sea temperature (28.5°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

**50**

on file for this site

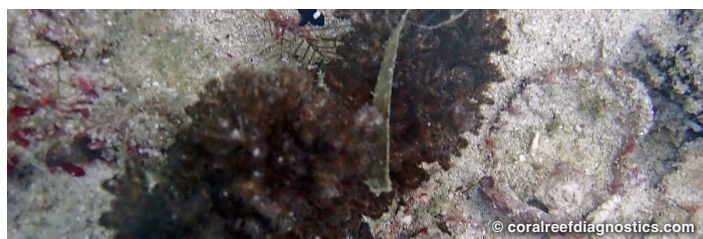
POSITION

**-8.4450, 119.5800**



Anderson logged this Komodo channel as his best dive ever in 2009 and returned in 2019 to strong current and thermoclines, passing from dense *Acropora* thickets and two-meter tables to scoured, soft-coral ground and a sand apron. A longfin batfish, a gliding ray, and a camouflaged ornate ghost pipefish were photographed along the way.

**Bahasa Indonesia.** Anderson menyelami lokasi ini pada Agustus 2009 — saat itu dicatat sebagai penyelaman terbaiknya — dan kembali pada 21 Januari 2019 (15:04, 53 menit, kedalaman maksimum 23.5 m, rata-rata 13.1 m, 25.6 derajat C, jarak pandang sekitar 10 m, arus kuat, dan termoklin). *Terjemahan ringkasan ini oleh AI; versi bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.*



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**CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %):** In-house DINOv3 20.9 · CoralSCOP edited 33.7 · Claude (edited photos) 26.0

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